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Re Solid Waste Rail Transfer Facilities

To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of the Governing Body of Freehold Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey, we thank the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for the opportunity to comment upon the proposed rules ("Rules") to implement the Clean Railroads Act of 2008 ("Act") provisions. In response to STB's invitation, we have had the Rules reviewed. While the major portions of the Rules appear consistent with and serve to implement the Act, several provisions are of concern to the Township.

In our review process, we had the opportunity to review the detailed comments submitted on behalf of the National Solid Wastes Management Association ("NSWMA") in an 11-page letter, dated February 20, 2009, from Stephen M. Richmond, Esq., Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. Rather than belabor the STB with repetitive comments, on behalf of the Township of Freehold, we endorse and adopt NSWMA's comments in their entirety.

Sincerely, the Freehold Township Committee,

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